



# Bits & Pieces

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am writing a Presidents message from Yorktown, Texas where I am spending time with my daughter and her family. It is really hot and humid here. I am missing the cool weather of the coast. Yorktown has an annual celebration called Western Days. They have a local quilt show which is always interesting. There are 50 to 80 quilts. Many of them are hand quilted. It is sponsored by the local quilt store and they award "viewer choice" ribbons. This years first place ribbon went to a queen-sized quilt, double wedding ring pattern, with minkie on the back. It was machine quilted with hearts in the centers of the double wedding rings.

Unbelievable that you could use minkie as a backing and there were no puckers or wrinkles. Inside the individual hearts were embroidered with the date they met, the date they married along with the dates and names of each of their children. It was pretty amazing!

I received a message about the tardiness of the guest speaker for the October meeting. It was an unfortunate event for both the speaker and the quild. Everyone

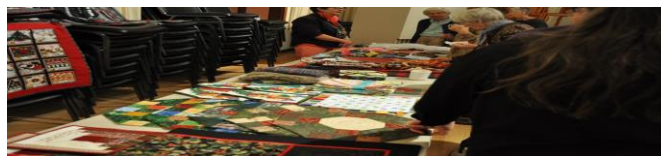
involved is feeling remorseful. I can tell you that the situation has been addressed by the leadership. Unfortunately, these things sometimes happen, misjudgement in time, car trouble, late flight, lost luggage. We can take steps to manage those things we can control and adjust for those things outside of our control.

Off to the Houston Quilt show in another week and will try not to spend my life savings. See you at the November Guild meeting

**Judy Riddle**



## FESTIVAL OF TREES 2014



Joyce Gaudet displayed many of the items that will be put up for sale at our booth for the Festival of trees. Thank you to all those who donated items, they are appreciated! At the meeting a sign up sheet was circulated and will hopefully be finalized by the next meeting.

Any donations or questions please email: Sharon Moreland , Joyce Gaudet or Sylvia Edwards, the chairs of FOT

**Laura Hamilton**

## PROGRAM CALENDAR: 2014

..November 21: Guest Lecturer will be Jan Soules presenting a lecture on "Spectacular Borders: from basics to beyond". Jan has been quilting since 2000. She has never settled on one style of quilting preferring to mix appliqué and pieced blocks, her sense of design and color sense for creating her works. She is a member of the Elk Grove and River City quilt guilds. Her accomplishments include five Best of Show awards and six Best Use of Color awards at local guilds, along with numerous first place and judge's choice awards. She was the featured artist at the 2011 River City Quilters Guild annual show. ~Kalynn Oleson [ksue57@mcn.org](mailto:ksue57@mcn.org)

## 2015 Programs

Jan. 16 - Comfort Quilts/QOV

Feb. 20 - Members Teaching Members\*

Mar. 19 - Angie Woolman – Improvisation

Mar. 20 - Angie Woolman - Lecture

Apr. 14 - 16 - Joan Wolfrum - Adventures in Design

Apr. 17 - Joan Wolfrum - Lecture

May 14 - Claire Witherspoon - Scrap Strategies for Traditional and Art Quilters

May 15 - Claire Witherspoon - "Confessions of an Eclectic Quilter"

Jun. 19 - Comfort Quilts/QOV

Jul. 17 - Outing Aug. - No Meeting

Sept. 15 - 18 - Not yet confirmed

Oct. - 6 - 9 - Not yet confirmed

Nov. 20 - Lynne Pillus - Mechanical Quilts Lecture

\*Please contact Chris Smith, [Chris@ReapAsYouSew.com](mailto:Chris@ReapAsYouSew.com), with your offer about a skill or technique you'd be willing to demonstrate in a series of 12-minute demos at the

February meeting. We'll have various demo tables set up so we can rotate around and learn from each other. Those doing demos will also have time to check out some of the other tables.

Mark your calendars and watch for notices of registration opening soon. Our limit is 20 students per class.

Chris Smith

## RETREAT 2015 FEBRUARY 2ND TO THE 5TH



Donna Blum informed us at this meeting that 18 have signed up for the retreat. If you have not signed up with Jan, do so right now! The best way to do that is by email. [JANLC56@mac.com](mailto:JANLC56@mac.com) or, you can call her at 650-279-6146 (cell), but if you call, there is always the chance that she might forget it! Best to have it in writing. We are very lucky that they will give us the same room rate as last year. Rates are \$66.00 per night for the Vintage rooms (two queen beds) and \$118.10 per night for the deluxe Tuscan rooms (one king bed). Check with your roommate, and make sure that Dry Creek Inn knows that you are with Pacific Piecemakers, as they have a special block of rooms at this rate. Their main number is 707-433-0300 or 800-222-5784. We will be there for three nights, arriving on February 2nd, and departing on February 5th. Be there or be aquare!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- Laura Hamilton

# CHALLENGE SHOW 2015

## “ABOVE AND BEYOND”

Hopefully everyone is well on their way to above and beyond with their quilt for the show that will take place in April 2015. We have the entire building for the second year. There are no size requirements and you may turn in as many quilts as you would like. Last year, we had nearly 90 quilts—the most in history. This year, we’d like to match or even exceed that number.

The Challenge Committee this year consists of Barbara Dunsmoor, Paula Osborne, Charis Webb and Laura Hamilton. We are all available, if you have any questions.

We do need a small committee to take charge of the food the night of the opening. Last year’s committee did a fabulous job. Hint, Hint.

Time to stir up those creative juices, clear the design wall, rev up the old sewing machine and buy Marva out of fabric! This could be our best show yet.

*Barbara Dunsmoor*

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

**Post Christmas luncheon to be held again at St. Orres in January. Exact date and times to be forthcoming at next meeting.**

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## HOSPITALITY

**Sign- ups for cookies at the November meetings are needed.**

**Please sign up!!!!!!**

**Thank you to Ann Graff for setting up the hospitality table, we all love it. Thank you, also goes to Sylvia Edwards and Gail Spencer for the Goodies that went with that tea or coffee.**

# QUILT HAPPENINGS

Katy Horn's QOV 1



Frances Buentjen & Katy Horn 1

**The only big things on the docket for November are the big quilt show in Houston of which our President will be attending and hopefully will give us a full accounting when she returns, as well as the quilt of Valor deliveries.**

**Polly says they have about 15 to 20 quilts that will be taken to the Palo Alto Veterans hospital. Instead of taking them to the Poly-Trauma unit this time, the recipients will be for those in the Mental Health Ward. This will be the last time Polly will deliver the QOV’s. So someone please step up to take over this committee!**

**Polly will however, continue with the Comfort Quilts.**

**Labels for both should be at the Loft!**

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## TREASURER’S REPORT

Beginning Balance (Sept).....	\$8,419.50
Deposits.....	85.00
Expenses.....	\$1,714.74
Ending Balance (Sept).....	\$6,789.76

Kalynn Oleson



## COMFORT QUILT WORKSHOP

January 16, 2015

Comfort quilt/QOV workshop 10am to 3pm

Bring your sewing machines, scraps, or a project in progress.

Lunch will be provided:

Soup by Laura Hamilton and the rest by hospitality. Meeting will be held at 1pm or right after lunch.

Be there or be square!!

Laura Hamilton

## BAG O' STUFF

I know that I am not the only one doing this at the last minute. Nothing like a deadline to get us move on a project is there?

Please remember to bring your creations to the November meeting on Friday the 21st. A table will be set up for these items to be displayed. If you can't be there then please leave it with someone who will. If you would like to write about (explain) your fabrication to the unknown receiver, please send that along to.

Now I need help from you. I have searched for the master sheet of who got what number and can't find it. Remember what fabrics you put in your bag and I will have tags for you to sign and place on the correct project.

I have heard from Donna Blum about the bag she received. She loved it and has had a great deal of fun creating things... so much so that I do I hope it was my bag of stuff.

I will tell you about the bag I received at the meeting. See you on 11/21,

Kalynn Oelson

## QUILT HUMOR

### Ten Good Reasons to Buy Fabric

1. It insulates the cupboard where it is kept.
2. It keeps the economy moving. It is my duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. I'm participating in a contest - the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
5. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook it to enjoy it, you'll never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
6. Because I'm worth it.
7. Like dust, its good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house. Like the ironing board, the laundry basket and the dining room table.
8. Its not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
9. Because it is on sale.
10. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions!

"I will not buy any more fabric until I use my fabric stash at home," I said.

Then I laughed and laughed.



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